must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." This directive should be followed by the Examiner in this case.

In addition, Applicants respectfully request that, prior to examination on the merits, the captioned application be amended as indicated below.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2-47 without prejudice.

Add new claims 48-72 as indicated below. Applicants submit that new claims 48-72 are drawn to inventions consistent with that of elected Group I. The pending claims of Group I are now claims 1 and 48-72.

48. A peripheral apparatus for use in an information processing system, said system comprising a recording medium in which a first security code is stored, an information processing apparatus constructed so as to execute a program read from said recording medium that is detachably set, and a peripheral apparatus constructed so as to transmit data for executing the program to the information processing apparatus in response to an input operation in the peripheral apparatus,

wherein a second security code that has been set is stored in said peripheral apparatus, and

said first security code read from said recording medium into said information processing apparatus and supplied from said information processing apparatus to the peripheral apparatus, is compared with said second security code to judge whether the codes coincide with each other or not, whereby a judgment is made as to whether or not said program that is read is an authorized one corresponding to the peripheral apparatus.

49. A peripheral apparatus for use in an information processing apparatus constructed so as to execute an application program that is read out, and that is constructed

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so as to transmit data for executing a program to the information processing apparatus in response to an input operation in the peripheral apparatus,

wherein a second security code that has been set is stored in said peripheral apparatus, and

said peripheral apparatus receives a first security code read out by said information processing apparatus, from said information processing apparatus, and compares the received first security code with said second security code to judge whether the codes coincide with each other or not, whereby a judgment is made as to whether or not said application program is an authorized one corresponding to said peripheral apparatus.

50. The peripheral apparatus according to claim 48 or claim 49, wherein signal processing for said information processing apparatus is stopped when said first security code and said second security code do not coincide with each other.

51. The peripheral apparatus according to claim 48 or claim 49, wherein signal processing for said information processing apparatus is continued when said first security code and said second security code coincide with each other.

52. The peripheral apparatus according to claim 48, wherein a third security code that has been set is also stored, and

when said first security code and said second security code coincide with each other, said third security code is transmitted to said information processing apparatus so that said third security code and a fourth security code also stored in said recording medium and read by the information processing apparatus, can be compared in said information processing apparatus.

53. The peripheral apparatus according to any one of claims 48, 49 or 52, further comprising:

a tablet having matrix electrodes for emitting radio waves;

a pen type object having an antenna for receiving the radio waves emitted from said matrix electrodes and a switch; and

a page sensor for detecting a type and a page of a picture book placed on said tablet,

wherein an instruction in said program is defined by positioning said pen type object at a predetermined location in said picture book placed on said tablet.

54. An information processing system comprising a recording medium that is detachably set, an information processing apparatus constructed so as to execute a program that is read out from said recording medium, and a peripheral apparatus that is connected to said information processing apparatus and that transmits data for executing the program to the information processing apparatus in response to an input operation in the peripheral apparatus,

wherein a first security code and a second security code are stored in advance in said recording medium and said peripheral apparatus respectively,

said information processing apparatus transmits said first security code read out from said recording medium, to said peripheral apparatus, and

said peripheral apparatus compares the first security code read out from said recording medium and the second security code stored in advance in said peripheral apparatus, in order to make a judgment as to whether or not the program read out from said recording medium is an authorized one corresponding to said peripheral apparatus, based on whether the codes coincide with each other or not, and stops signal processing for said information processing apparatus if said judgment indicates incoincidence.

55. The information processing system according to claim 54, wherein a third security code is stored in said peripheral apparatus, and a fourth security code is recorded in said recording medium,

said peripheral apparatus transmits said third security code to said information processing apparatus if said judgment indicates coincidence, and

said information processing apparatus compares said third security code transmitted from said peripheral apparatus and said fourth security code to make a judgment as to whether or not the program read out from said recording medium is authorized in respect of said peripheral apparatus based on whether the codes coincide with each other or not, and stops the execution of said program if said judgment indicates incoincidence.

56. The information processing system according to claim 55, wherein said third security code is the same as said second security code, and said fourth security code is the same as said first security code.

57. An information processing method comprising the steps of detachably setting, in an information processing apparatus, a recording medium with a program recorded therein, and executing the program read out from said recording medium into the information processing apparatus, in accordance with an input operation in the peripheral apparatus,

wherein an application program and a first security code are stored in said recording medium so that when the recording medium is set, the information processing apparatus reads said first security code from said recording medium and supplies the same to said peripheral apparatus, and

a second security code is stored in advance in said peripheral apparatus, and said first security code read out from the recording medium, is compared with the second security code that has been stored in said peripheral apparatus to judge whether the codes

coincide with each other or not, whereby a judgment is made as to whether or not said read-out program is an authorized one corresponding to said peripheral apparatus.

58. The information processing method according to claim 57, wherein signal processing for said information processing apparatus is stopped when said first security code and said second security code do not coincide with each other.

59. The information processing method according to claim 57, wherein said peripheral apparatus continues the signal processing for said information processing apparatus when said first security code and said second security code coincide with each other.

60. The information processing method according to claim 57 or claim 59, wherein a third security code and a fourth security code are also stored in advance in said peripheral apparatus and said recording medium respectively,
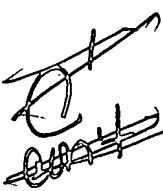
said peripheral apparatus transmits the third security code from said peripheral apparatus to said information processing apparatus when said first security code and said second security code coincide with each other, and

said information processing apparatus compares said third security code with the fourth security code read out from the recording medium.

61. The information processing method according to claim 60, wherein the execution of said program is continued in said information processing apparatus when said third security code and said fourth security code coincide with each other.

62. The information processing method according to claim 61, wherein said third security code is the same as said second security code, and said fourth security code is the same as said first security code.

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63. The information processing method according to any one of claims 57, 58, 59, 61 or 62, wherein the judgment of the comparison of said security codes is executed at predetermined time intervals during the execution of said program.

64. A recording medium for use in an information processing system, said system comprising a peripheral apparatus, an information processing apparatus constructed so as to execute a program in response to an input operation in the peripheral apparatus, and a recording medium that is detachably set in the information processing apparatus for supplying an application program,

wherein a second security code is stored in said recording medium, and

when said recording medium is set in the information processing apparatus, said second security code is read out by the information processing apparatus, supplied to said peripheral apparatus, and compared by said peripheral apparatus with a first security code that has been stored in said peripheral apparatus to judge whether these codes coincide with each other or not, whereby a judgment is made as to whether or not the read-out application program is an authorized one corresponding to the peripheral apparatus.

65. The recording medium according to claim 64, wherein a third security code and a fourth security code are stored in said peripheral apparatus and said recording medium respectively, and

when said first security code and said second security code coincide with each other, said fourth security code is compared in the information processing apparatus with the third security code that is supplied to the information processing apparatus from the peripheral apparatus.

66. The recording medium according to claim 65, wherein said third security code is the same as said first security code, and said fourth security code is the same as said second security code.

67. The recording medium according to any one of claims 64 through 66, wherein said second security code and/or said fourth security code are read by said information processing apparatus at predetermined time intervals during the execution of said application program.

68. The peripheral apparatus according to claim 51, wherein a third security code that has been set is also stored, and

when said first security code and said second security code coincide with each other, said third security code is transmitted to said information processing apparatus so that said third security code and a fourth security code also stored in said recording medium and read by the information processing apparatus, can be compared in said information processing apparatus.

69. The peripheral apparatus according to claim 50, further comprising:

a tablet having matrix electrodes for emitting radio waves;

a pen type object having an antenna for receiving the radio waves emitted from said matrix electrodes and a switch; and

a page sensor for detecting a type and a page of a picture book placed on said tablet,

wherein an instruction in said program is defined by positioning said pen type object at a predetermined location in said picture book placed on said tablet.

70. The peripheral apparatus according to claim 51, further comprising:

a tablet having matrix electrodes for emitting radio waves;

a pen type object having an antenna for receiving the radio waves emitted from said matrix electrodes and a switch; and

a page sensor for detecting a type and a page of a picture book placed on said tablet,

wherein an instruction in said program is defined by positioning said pen type object at a predetermined location in said picture book placed on said tablet.

71. The information processing method according to claim 60, wherein said third security code is the same as said second security code, and said fourth security code is the same as said first security code.

72. The information processing method according to claim 60, wherein the judgment of the comparison of said security codes is executed at predetermined time intervals during the execution of said program.